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The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In view of the decision to introduce basic education and with a view to review the whole position, it was suspended. Now, the scheme of extending elementary education, with a view to bringing in more children and to serve the purpose of compulsion ultimately, is being implemented."

[Question 1095 answered—vide page 1423 ante.]

Madanapalle Thermal Station.

* 1096 *Q.*—Sri D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when electricity will be supplied from the Madanapalle Thermal Station ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to extend the supply of electricity for agricultural purposes to the whole of Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Supply of electricity to Madanapalle Town has been given from 15th May 1953.

" (*b*) A scheme for supply of power to 24 villages in Vayalpad, Madanapalle and Chandragiri taluks is under the consideration of the Electricity department."

Sri D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Will the Government increase the number of villages from 24, as lift irrigation is the only irrigation in Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks? "

The Hon. Sri N RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, supply of power is given on a commercial basis. If it is extended to villages, it should be profitable. Certain criteria are specified and if those criteria are satisfied, power will be supplied."

Sri M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to erect thermal stations to facilitate lift irrigation in the famine-affected areas of Anantapur and Kurnool districts? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Sri B. SANKARIAH :—" ఈ థర్మల్ స్టేషన్లనుండి ఇప్పుడు వ్యవసాయానికి electricity సప్లై చేయడానికి అవకాశం ఉండి కూడా, ఆహార పరిస్థితి గడ్డుగా ఉండే సమయంలో ప్రభుత్వం ఎందుకు సప్లైచేయడం లేదు. నెల్లూరు థర్మల్ స్టేషన్లలో చాలా electricity waste చేస్తున్నారు. అటువంటప్పుడు వ్యవసాయానికి electricity సప్లై చేయడానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఇకముందైనా చర్య తీసుకొంటారా? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, the Government have already been supplying power to agriculturists. But so far as last year is concerned, the Government have evolved a new policy that in respect of the rural extensions, unless the beneficiaries come forward with loans, new rural extensions should not be undertaken."

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DR. K. B. MENON :—" What is the total allotment for extension of electricity to rural areas for this year in the Five-Year Plan and what is the actual amount available? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. VARADACHARI :—" May I ask, Sir, whether power supply will be continued after 1st October in the Chittoor district? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

Primary schools in South Kanara.

* 1097 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many villages in South Kanara district are not having even primary schools; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter of providing at least elementary schools to those villages?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) It has been reported to Government that there are 54 schoolless villages with a population of 500 and above in the South Kanara district. No figures are available in respect of villages with a population of less than 500.

" (b) The Government are encouraging in all possible ways the opening of schools by private agencies and by the district boards."

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" Is it a fact that the Government have issued an order not to open new schools?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the grants given to private managements and to teachers under private managements so that many aided schools may spring up? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of revision of grants to elementary school teachers is under consideration, Sir."

Alleged detention of Krishnan Nayar, an auto-rickshaw driver, in Kozhikode.

* 1098 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation or complaints in 1953 about one auto-rickshaw driver of Kozhikode, Krishnan Nair by name, having been wrongfully detained in the Kozhikode Government Lunatic Asylum at the instance of the District Medical Officer, Kozhikode, and if so, what action has been taken against the District Medical Officer?